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FMSAC - Organization

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John Bross to DCI

Sub: FMSAC

FMSAC was created as the result of general dissatisfaction with the efficiency and competence of components of the Intel Community concerned with the analysis and interpretation of data in the missile and space field. The original concept of a center which would provide guidance to collection facilities as well as analytic efforts (MISTIC) was abandoned, and CIA's decision to go ahead with a center exclusively concerned with research analysis was communicated to Mr. Gilpatric by the DCI in August 1964. The subject was later discussed with Dr. Fubini later in August. Fubini did not appear to challenge the right of CIA to establish a center for this purpose but made a plea for what he characterized as "controlled competition in the field." In a memo dated 26 Nov 1964, the DCI formally advised the SecDef that he had created within CIA a center responsible for the all-source collation and analysis of all data on Soviet missile and space firings. Fubini then posed 3 questions (see att.)

Conference between Wheelon and Fubini discussed the 3 questions, Gen. Carroll Bross and others present. Agreed DOD wld complete an inventory of existing facilities under control of DOD to perform tasks envisaged at FMSAC. This inventory now completed and under review by DD/S&T. Recommendations of the study propose creation of a center substantially similar to FMSAC to be located under general jurisdiction of DOD.

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DCI acted to create FMSAC under his statutory obligation "to correlate and

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evaluate intell relating to the natl security" (Sec 102(d)(3) of the Natl Security Act of 1947). Authority of DCI to perform such data analysis ~~clear~~ whether or not some other agency also doing it. If serious duplication is foreseen, DCI has obligation to submit matter to NSC.

BOB (Amory) wrote to Kirkpatrick 10 Feb 1964:

"We are prepared to accept the proposition that the DCI needs to have a capability for independent substantive assessments of such an important area of natl security as foreign missile and space capabilities, and, further, that in order effectively to coordinate and guide U.S. foreign intelligence activities, he needs to have qualified staff to provide technical advice. At the same time, I think we must recognize the priority responsibility of the Department of Defense in such a matter as foreign missile capabilities... I urge that the Agency work closely with Defense in seeking to keep duplicative analysis, particularly that performed on external contract, to a minimum."

Bross suggested several alternatives, but recommended one which would continue with FMSAC inviting DOD to participate, with possible creation of a board of advisers.

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